

Army South commander visits Peruvian military partners

By Col. Jane E. Crichton
ARSOUTH Public Affairs

Army South commander Maj. Gen. Simeon G. Trombitas visited with military partners in Peru Feb. 7 through 10, gaining valuable insights into

challenges facing the Peruvian military and strengthening military relationships between the United States and the South American country.

"The Peruvian military is a valued partner for us," Trombitas said.

"During this visit, I was able to talk with key military leaders, gain increased understanding of their operations and identify areas where we can work together to increase the capacity of both of our armies."

Trombitas also met with U.S. Ambassador Rose Likins and Deputy Chief of Mission Mike Fitzpatrick. The general received a modified country team brief that outlined U.S. interagency efforts to assist the Peruvian government in countering narcotics production and trafficking, and U.S. support in other areas of mutual concern.

The senior defense official, Capt. John Ries, and Military Advisory and Assistance Group Commander, Col. Carlos Berrios, also briefed Trombitas on military support and cooperation between the U.S. and



Photo by Capt. Thomas A. Givens

U.S. Army South commander Maj. Gen. Simeon G. Trombitas (left) speaks to a Peruvian National Police helicopter pilot prior to boarding a flight to tour the Valley of the Apurimac and Ene Rivers in Peru Feb. 8.

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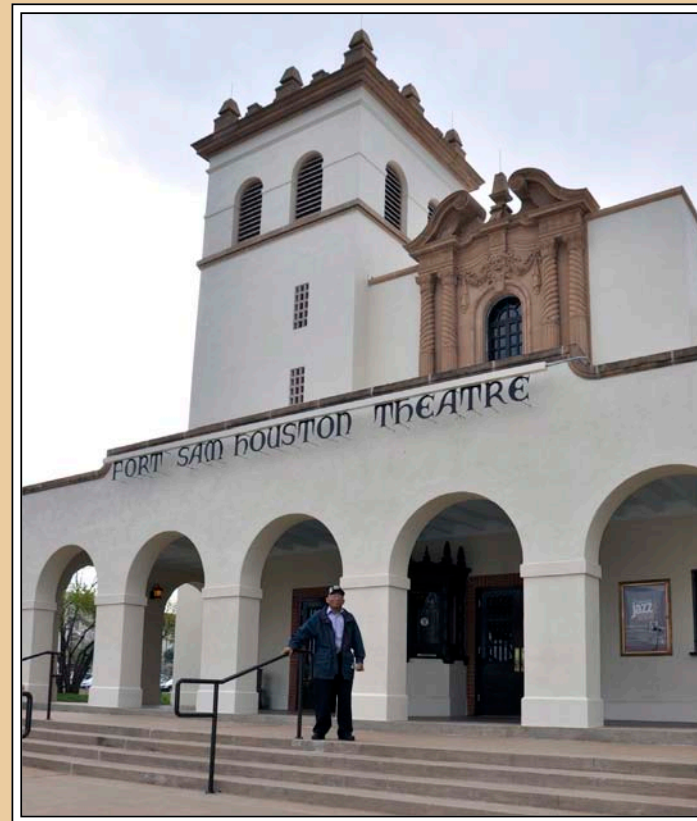


Photo by Lori Newman

Retired Army Staff Sgt. Fred Burton stands in front of the newly renovated Fort Sam Houston Theatre Feb. 7. Burton worked at the theater as a projectionist in the 1970s. See related story and photos on Pages 12-13.

The Army Nurse Corps — transforming to lead for the future

By Esther Garcia
AMEDDC&S Public Affairs

The heritage and history portrayed at the Army Medical Department Museum was the backdrop for a celebration of the 111th Anniversary of the Army Nurse Corps Feb. 10.

Nurses from various medical specialties gathered at the museum Feb. 10 to hear the keynote speaker, Col. Bruce Schoneboom, Corps Specific Branch Proponency Officer for the U.S. Army Nurse Corps.

On June 14, 1775, Maj. Gen. Horatio Gates reported

to commander-in-chief Gen. George Washington that "the sick suffered much for want of good female Nurses."

Washington then asked Congress for "a matron to supervise the nurses, bedding, etc.," and for nurses "to attend the sick and obey the matron's

orders."

In July 1775, a plan was submitted to the Second Continental Congress that provided one nurse for every 10 patients and provided "that a matron be allotted to every hundred sick or wounded."

This set the stage for the

Army Nurse Corps. It was established in 1901, founded on the premise that there needed to be an organized structure for military nurses, a requirement for the nation to be able to respond to the nation's wars

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Take precautions during holiday weekend

By Lt. Gen. William B. Caldwell IV
 Commanding General, U.S. Army North

On Feb. 20, we will celebrate the birthdays of Presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Through tradition, these birthdays have become a time to honor and celebrate all our former presidents' birthdays.

I salute all leaders, past and present, who have and continue to serve this great nation.



Safety for one's self and one another is important during any holiday, and I encourage

you to take every precaution to ensure a safe and joyous celebration.

Service members going on leave, pass, or moving from one post to another must complete the automated risk assessment.

Civilian employees must also do the same (per Army Regulation 385-10) when using their privately owned vehicles during a move or going on temporary duty and are encouraged to use this tool when taking leave.

Your chain of command must brief all service members and civilians on preventive actions to avoid accidents or injuries.

I challenge you to eliminate common risk factors, such as excessive speed, alcohol, fatigue, failure to wear seatbelts, and failure to wear protective gear for motorcycle riding. The automated TRiPS POV Risk Assessment web-based tool can be found on the US Army Combat

Readiness/Safety Center website at <https://safety.army.mil>.

George Washington once wrote, "Discipline is the soul of an army. It makes small numbers formidable; procures success to the weak and esteem to all."

Thank you for the great contributions you and your family make every day in ensuring our nation's freedom. Have an enjoyable, accident-free weekend with your family and friends.

Budget request shows careful balance, DOD comptroller says

By Lisa Daniel
 American Forces Press Service

The proposed \$525.4 billion Defense Department base budget reflects a well-thought-out plan for military spending that should be considered in its entirety as it moves through the budget process, the Pentagon's top budget official said Feb. 13.

"This is a budget based on strategy and good management," Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) Robert F. Hale told reporters at a Pentagon news briefing. "It is a package that we put together that we think works well as a whole. We hope Congress enacts it as package, or it will lose the synergies that make it a strong package."

The fiscal 2013 budget package reflects not only President Barack Obama's military strategy, but also the wishes of military leaders who had strong input, Air Force Lt. Gen. Larry Spencer, the Joint Staff's director of force structure, said at

the briefing.

"The chairman views this budget as the first installment in a series of budget submissions to shape the joint force the country needs in fiscal 2020," Spencer said. "During this process, everything was on the table."

The proposal continues a downward slope in defense spending that began in fiscal 2011 and continues to fiscal 2014 before rising slightly and

then leveling off.

"It's really not that different from past war-time drawdowns," Hale said, while showing slides of other defense spending cuts following the Cold War and the wars in Vietnam and Korea. "The total defense budget is coming down, freeing up resources for other national priorities."

Total defense spending peaked at about \$730 billion between fiscal 2008 and fiscal 2010. Next

year's total proposed budget of \$614 billion – \$525.4 billion plus \$88.5 billion for overseas operations – would be on par with the fiscal 2006 budget, DOD documents show.

In real growth, next year is proposed to be the tightest, with a 2.5 percent decrease to the base budget, compared to zero change in fiscal 2014.

Hale noted that the proposal reflects a transi-

tion point in U.S. national security with the draw-down of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, coupled with the need to lower the federal deficit.

The proposal was "guided by the commitment by the president that our armed forces remain the best trained, best led, best equipped fighting forces in history," Hale said.

The budget request

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African-American/Black History Month Celebration

A Black History Month tribute will be held 6:30-7:30 p.m. Feb. 16 at the Big Area Tent, 3100 Marvin R. Wood.

METC Professional Development Series

The Medical Education and Training Campus Professional Development Lecture Series presents Brig. Gen. David L. Smalley, Ph.D., M.S.S., speaking on "Building future leaders using education, choosing the right positions, and accepting challenges" from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Feb. 21 at the Anderson Hall (MIF 4) Auditorium at 3488 Garden Avenue, Building 1364. Smalley is the deputy commanding general for professional services at the 807th Medical Command (Deployment Support) and prospective METC commandant. No reservation required. For more information, call 808-1217 or 1253.

440th Blood Support

Detachment Deployment Ceremony The 440th Blood Support Detachment holds a pre-deployment ceremony at 11 a.m. Feb. 21 at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, to send Soldiers from the unit off for their deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Cardiac Rehabilitation Clinic Relocates

The San Antonio Military Medical Center Cardiac Rehabilitation Clinic will relocate from D Lot Clinic No. 7 to SAMMC Annex-South effective Feb. 23. SAMMC Annex-South is located outside of the Medical Mall entrance to the hospital. Clinic hours of operation are 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Cardiac Rehabilitation Clinic is expected to move to their end-state on the third floor of the main tower in late March. For more information, call 916-4863.

ARNORTH run affects post streets

The Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, U.S. Army North, will conduct a battalion run from 6:30 to 7:15 a.m. Feb. 24, beginning at the Army North Quadrangle. The route of travel from the Quadrangle is: right on Liscum Road, then another right on S-6 N Road; left on North New Braunfels Avenue; right on Wilson Way; left on

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Virtual hurricane simulator helps prepare Army North for future missions, exercises

By Sgt. 1st Class Manuel Torres
ARNORTH Public Affairs

Imagine a Category 4 hurricane with sustained winds of up to 155 mph is approaching the southern coast of Florida. Where will it go? What damage will it do?

A program used by U.S. Army North will help Soldiers plan, train and prepare for those types of scenarios.

The programs used in today's disaster response scenarios are designed to help Army North's mission in planning and aiding local civilian authorities during a real disaster response.

The program has been used in previous exercises conducted by Army North, said Maj. Nathaniel Durant, operations officer, Simulation Division, U.S. Army North,

"This system has been in place since 2009 for our Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear response



force exercises," he said. "This year, we will use this capability for the upcoming Hurricane Rehearsal of Concept

exercise as well as our other exercises."

Instead of just talking through processes that will

happen during a real hurricane, Army North is able

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Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Manuel Torres-Cortes

Army North personnel look at the path of a simulated hurricane during a briefing Feb. 10. Army North uses a simulation program to produce active and changing scenarios based on multiple factors, thus producing realistic training opportunities during natural disaster response exercises.

IMCOM commander teaches customer service through combatives



Photo by Neal Snyder

Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter, commander of the U.S. Army Installation Command and assistant chief of staff for Installation Management, takes to the mats at the Jimmy Brought gym for a lesson in customer service using Army combatives Feb. 6. Ferriter taught martial arts and inspired leadership to Soldier and civilian leaders from across the Army on the first morning of the IMCOM Garrison Leader's Course.

By Neal Snyder
IMCOM Public Affairs

Soldiers and civilians got a taste of leadership and customer service through Army combatives training at the U.S. Army Installation Management Command Garrison Leader's Course Feb. 6.

The combatives training took the group out of the classroom and into the gym as they learned the basics of the Army's hand-to-hand combat technique.

Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter, IMCOM commander, led the training and told the group that the principles of combatives: "close the distance," "establish a dominant position" and "win" apply equally well to customer service and leadership.

Ferriter described the non-competitive process as: "getting closer to other people," "establishing yourself in that relationship" and "winning that person over".

"This is all about customer service and inspired leadership," he said. "That needs to be our focus. Your rank was the symbol of servitude – it's not about authority."

Ferriter compared IMCOM to corporations in America, such as Disney, USAA and Chick-Fil-A. He discussed their focus on customer service training and that he wants IMCOM to emulate that ethic.

The class was made up of Soldiers and civilians from senior positions across the command and is taught at the IMCOM Academy.

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Hancock; right on Stanley Road, left on Henry T. Allen Road; left on Dickman Road; left on North New Braunfels Avenue; left on Staley Road; right on Hancock; right on Wilson Street; left on North New Braunfels Avenue; right on S-6 N Road; left of Liscum Road until entering Quadrangle. Motorists can expect some delays during those times as runners cross roads.

Basura Bash 2012

The 2nd Annual Fort Sam Houston Basura Bash will be held at Salado Creek Park from 9 a.m. to noon Feb. 25, with volunteer check in at 8 a.m. and a safety briefing at 8:45 a.m. The annual cleanup of Salado Creek is held in conjunction with the city-wide cleanup effort for the tributaries of the San Antonio River. Volunteers are encouraged to wear long pants, sturdy shoes, gloves, hat and sunscreen and can bring their own cleanup gear, such as waders, trash-grabbers, nets, etc. All participants under 18 must have a parent or guardian onsite and drop-offs will not be allowed. All participants must have a military ID or CAC and sign a waiver to participate. Volunteers can register online at <http://www.basurabash.org>. For more information, call 221-4251 or 4842.

Military Tax Assistance Centers Open

Active duty military members, military retirees, and their families can take advantage of free tax services at the Military Tax Assistance Centers. The 502nd Mission Support Group's legal office opens offers the main site at 2271 Reynolds Road, at the corner of Wilson and Reynolds Roads, as well as a San Antonio Military Medical Center satellite office at the L44-6 conference room. All tax returns are completed on an appointment-only basis. Customers need to bring their W-2s, 1099-Rs and all other tax-related documents to their appointment. The main site phone number is 295-1040 and the SAMMC satellite phone number is 916-1040.

Research Participants Needed

The Center for Nutrition Research, U.S. Military-Baylor University Masters Program in Nutrition at the Army Medical Department Center and School is looking to help soldiers in remote

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Soldier's 'Jeopardy' benefits three local charities

By Maria Gallegos
BAMC Public Affairs

Born and raised in California, Capt. Brendan Graham never imagined winning big on a game show.

In January 2012, that is exactly what he did. Graham, a pathologist at San Antonio Military Medical Center won \$47,602 on "Jeopardy" during his three-show stint.

After his first win on the show, Graham and his wife Lindsey, also a physician at SAMMC, agreed to donate half of their winnings to three

charities: the Wounded Warrior Project, the Fisher House and the Archdiocese for the Military Service -San Antonio.

As military physicians, working and collaborating with the Wounded Warrior Project and the Fisher House were well-known organizations by the Grahams.

"I saw these organizations almost every day. When a patient arrives at the hospital, a representative from the Wounded Warrior Project is always there to assist the patient and their well being," Graham said. "And the Fisher House

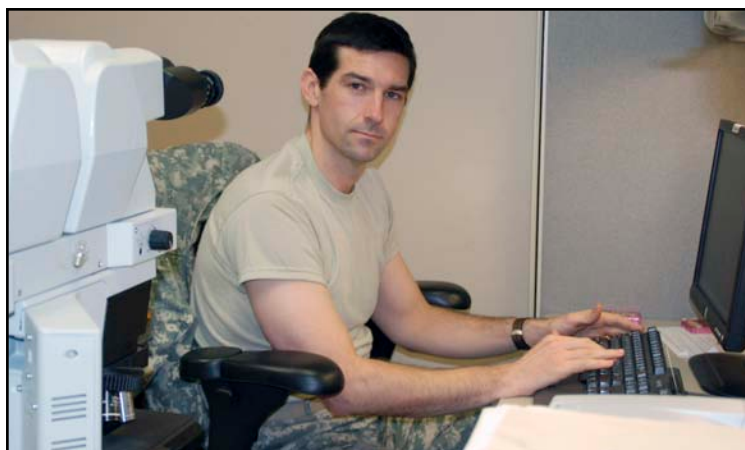


Photo by Maria Gallegos

Capt. Brendan Graham, a pathologist, in his office at the San Antonio Military Medical Center. He donated half of his winnings from a stint on the game show "Jeopardy" to three charities: the Wounded Warrior Project, the Fisher House and the Archdiocese for the Military Service-San Antonio.



Capt. Brendan Graham, seen here with 'Jeopardy' host Alex Trebek, is donating half of his \$47,602 winnings to military charities.

Photo courtesy of
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project offers a free place to stay for families while their loved ones recover from their injuries."

"Another charity I failed to mention on the show was the Archdiocese for the Military Service-San Antonio. We are giving a third of our winnings to this organization," Graham said. "As devoted Catholics, this was a natural decision for us make."

According to the website, the organization provides the Catholic Church's full range of pastoral ministries and spiritual service to those in the United States Armed Forces.

"I am grateful and blessed for what they [three charities] do for our patients," he said. "My wife and I are simple people. Winning lots of money was not my priority on the show. I was more interested in

beating other competitors and demonstrating to the world, we have very intelligent people in the military that can compete with very intelligent civilians in the world."

The Grahams' are expecting their second child in March and their personal plans to use the money are small but meaningful.

"My wife wants to buy a rocking chair that is wide enough so both of our children can sit in the chair with her while she reads to them," he said.

For more information on the Fisher House, click on <http://www.fisherhouse.org/>; Wounded Warrior Project, log onto <http://www.woundedwarrior-project.org/>; Catholic Charities: Military Archdiocese of United States, log onto <http://www.milarch.org/>.

470th Military Intelligence Brigade Soldiers aim to survive

By Sgt. Jonathan Howard
401st Military Intelligence Company

Soldiers of the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade's Headquarters and Headquarters Company and 401st MI Company recently took an opportunity to go out into the back country and familiarize themselves with some foreign-made weapons as part of their survival training.

The idea for this training came from 1st Sgt. Carlton Green, who noticed that many of his Soldiers were fellow firearms enthusiasts.

Green has promoted foreign

weapon familiarization training along with survival training as vital to combat operations. He explained that having a flexible capability to respond to any difficult situation empowers Soldiers to perform above and beyond the call of duty in any situation.

"It's good we can expose them to this," Green said. "Knowing how to identify and possibly employ a Kalashnikov or other Russian made weaponry may one day be crucial to these Soldiers while deployed



Photo by 1st Sgt. Carlton Green

Spc. Darren West fires a Smith & Wesson M4.

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Photo by Col. Jane E. Crichton

Maj. Gen. Simeon G. Trombitas, U.S. Army South commanding general, stands inside an MI-17 helicopter while being briefed on its sling load capacity by the Peruvian army crew chiefs during a visit to Lima, Peru, Feb. 9.

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Peruvian militaries.

Meetings with Peruvian officials included the Peruvian army commander, Gen. Victor Manual Ripalda, and commander of the Joint Forces Command, Gen. Luis Ricardo Howell, whose staff briefed Trombitas on military operations against the Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) in the Valley of the Apurimac and Ene Rivers (VRAE) and Upper Huallaga Valley.

The Shining Path, considered by the U.S. to be a terrorist organization, has increased its links to narcotics trafficking which has brought additional security and stability challenges to the Peruvian government.

Trombitas got a firsthand look at operations in the VRAE Feb. 8, when he toured the area and army operations there.

“The area is challeng-

ing for military operations because it is mountainous and the vegetation is quite thick,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Gabriel Cervantes, Army South senior enlisted advisor who traveled with Trombitas. “I was impressed with the skill and professionalism of the Peruvian soldiers we met, especially considering the harsh environment they operate in.”

The visit continued on Feb. 9 with presentations at the Comando de Educación y Doctrina del Ejército (Army Training and Doctrine Command) and a tour of the Escuela Superior de Guerra del Ejército (Army War College) where Trombitas spoke to approximately 40 international students about the U.S. Army’s strategy for the future.

The final stop was the Peruvian army’s 1st Aviation Brigade where the brigade commander, Brig. Gen. Daniel Augusto

Forno, briefed Trombitas on the brigade’s capabilities and provided a tour of its facilities and equipment.

“One of the areas that we have identified as an area in which we can assist the Peruvian army is aviation training,” Trombitas said. “It was good for me to get on the ground and see their equipment and facilities and have a face-to-face discussion with the aviation brigade commander about how we can work together to build their aviation capacity.”

At the request of the Peruvian army, Army South is spearheading an aviation seminar to be held in Peru in March to coordinate aviation training that will provide the Peruvian army with the techniques, tactics and procedures it needs to build its aviation capacity both operationally and logistically.

Exchanges such as the aviation seminar and visits to key leaders in Peru are just some of the ways Army South continues to enhance the army-to-army relationship with Peru and to share and promote professional military activities.

Peru has also participated in U.S. Southern Command exercises such as PANAMAX and Fuerzas Alidas Humanitarias, and partnered with SOUTHCOM in support of more than 60 humanitarian assistance and disaster preparedness projects since 2009.

“The U.S. and Peru are developing a strong partnership and cooperation on security matters,” Trombitas said. “We will continue to build on that relationship and learn valuable lessons from each other through exchanges, exercises and other training opportunities.”

VALENTINE'S NIGHT FOR TEENS



Photo by Deyanira Romo Rossell

Giovanna Uberti and Ashley Warren enjoy Valentine's night at the Middle School Teen Center, while listening to tips on dating and relationships. The Middle School Teen Center served as a welcome forum for conversations about dating and relationships and even how to properly greet a girlfriend's family members. Along with the program Feb. 10, the teens enjoyed a Valentine's dinner and a movie at a local theater.

BAMC CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Photo by Maria Gallegos

Brooke Army Medical Center celebrated Black History Month at the San Antonio Military Medical Center's medical mall Feb. 10. Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Stuart of Fort Sam Houston Medical Research and Materiel Command was the guest speaker at the event. He gave words of inspiration, recognition and gratitude for all who attended and encouraged attendees to have integrity and perseverance to succeed in all things.

ARMY NORTH HOSTS DUAL-STATUS COMMANDERS ORIENTATION



Randy Scott, current operations officer, G3, U.S. Army North, provides a command briefing for dual-status commanders during the Dual Status Commanders Orientation Feb. 7. The one-day stop at Army North was part of a larger series of conferences conducted by U.S. Northern Command for commanders who serve in a combined federal-state position.



Photos by Sgt. Maj. Eric Lobsinger

Maj. Gen. Charles Gailles (right), the commanding general of U.S. Army North's Task Force 51, discusses the value and the role of dual-status commanders and the importance of their relationships with Army North during the Dual Status Commanders Orientation at Army North's main conference room Feb. 7. Gailles hosted the briefing and provided the opening remarks. The one-day stop at Army North was part of a larger series of conferences conducted by U.S. Northern Command for commanders who serve in a combined federal-state position.

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to position assets on the virtual map, place simulated units on the ground, gather simulated reports from units and see current damage based on hurricane forced winds in a real-time simulation.

Once statistics and area population are input, scenario moderators are then able to change the path of the hurricane.

Additionally, they can change other variables, such as adding flooding to the mix so responders have the opportunity to practice reacting to unscheduled changes. This helps to make the training more realistic and to prepare the responders for a variety of challenges.

"Army North's ability to train leaders and their staffs in local, regional, national and joint operations is critical during exercises," said Maj. Armando Riveron, operations simulation officer, U.S. Army North.

"This tool has proven to be a critical asset in pulling updated and relevant geospatial data and information on maps and is used to support other real world missions."

59th Medical Wing welcomes inaugural honorary commanders

By Linda Frost
59th Medical Wing Public Affairs

Eight civic leaders from San Antonio were appointed as honorary commanders Feb. 6, as part of the 59th Medical Wing's Honorary Commanders Program.

This Air Force program matches specially selected members of the community with senior military commanders. The civilian executives get a rare inside look at the Air Force and its people and missions. The program also provides local community leaders an opportunity to raise awareness and create partnerships between the civilian and military communities.

The individuals chosen

Col. David Bob, commander, 59th Clinical Support Group, presents Dr. Gabriele Niederauer, vice president of Research and Development, ENTrigue Surgical, Inc., with an Honorary Commander's pin during an induction ceremony Feb. 6 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Air Force Base. Eight distinguished civic leaders with professions in healthcare, medical research and emergency management were appointed honorary commanders for the 59th Medical Wing.



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Andy Bellamy

59th Medical Wing newly appointed civilian honorary commanders stand with Maj. Gen. Byron Hepburn, commander, and his military group commanders Feb. 6, on Lackland Air Force Base. The distinguished honorary commanders represent the inaugural group of healthcare, medical research and emergency management professionals paired with key commanders, part of a civic outreach program.

for the program specialize in healthcare and medical research and hold the distinction of being the first for the wing.

"The goal of our Honorary Commanders Program is to further strengthen the partnerships we in the 59th

Medical Wing have with our civilian colleagues," said Maj. Gen. Byron Hepburn, 59th MDW commander and director of the San Antonio Military Health System.

During the special induction ceremony at the Gateway Club on Lackland Air Force Base, the newest members were recognized for their achievements in science and medicine and their contributions toward civic leadership.

"The program will increase our understand-

ing of each other's areas of focus. We are confident this program will build friendships and professional collaboration that will increase in the months ahead," added Hepburn.

An honorary commander was appointed for the 59th MDW commander and each of the wing's medical groups, with the exception of the 359th Medical Group, located at Randolph AFB, where they participate in the local base program. Two honor-

ary commanders were appointed for the 59th Clinical Support Group.

The 59th MDW honorary commanders for 2012 are:

59th Medical Wing: Dr. William L. Henrich, president and professor of medicine, The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

59th Medical Operations Group: Dr. Roberto Trevino, Jr., Internal Medicine, Infectious

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Disease and president, Bexar County Medical Society

59th Inpatient Operations Group: Dr. Kathleen M. Light, dean, Ila Faye Miller School of Nursing, University of the Incarnate Word

59th Clinical Support Group: Dr. Brian Herman, special assistant to the President, The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and UT System Chancellor's Health Fellow In Collaboration

59th Clinical Support Group: Dr. Gabriele Niederauer, vice president of Research and Development, ENTrigue Surgical, Inc.

59th Medical Support Group: Mr. Eric Epley, executive director, Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council

559th Medical Group: Dr. Marque Allen, po-

diatric surgeon, Sports Medicine Associates

59th Dental Group: Dr. Lisa Masters, periodontist, Masters Dental Group

The 59th MDW medical treatment facilities are part of the San Antonio Military Health System.

SAMHS is dedicated to delivering high quality patient-centered healthcare for the Department of Defense beneficiary community in the San Antonio region, with a clear focus on safety and customer service.

SAMHS objectives also include providing first-rate graduate medical education and training and conducting state-of-the-art research while maintaining a first-class global readiness mission with the best trained military medical professionals in the world.

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to a combat zone.”

The venture began with a group social and breakfast before convoying to the training site.

Grabbing their gear, the Soldiers filed through the mud and brush, making their way to the designated spot in the middle of a wooded area.

After the assault packs were laid out and all the firearms were accounted for, Sgt. 1st Class Paul Swedlund of the 401st gave the safety briefing, which included the “Ten Commandments of Hunting.”

The Soldiers then introduced their personally owned weapons, reviewing the history, characteristics, specifications, clearing, disassembly, reassembly and functions check for each one. Weapons included an AK-series rifle, a Russian SKS, Mosin Nagants, an

FAL, pistols and a bow.

Some Soldiers began clearing lanes and setting up targets at 150 meters, while others proceeded to load magazines and prepare their rifles.

Soldiers got a chance to shoot every long gun provided, rotating after emptying their respective magazines. While Green covered the rifle familiarization, Staff Sgt. Walter Woodard and Spc. Darren West provided the pistol firing and bow training.

The next event was .22-caliber firing competition. Plinking targets were set up at roughly 50, 100 and 150 meters, as well as a pop-up squirrel target about 50 meters away. Soldiers took two-minute turns trying to rack up as many points as they could with 20 rounds.

Although not very many of them were used to handling small .22-caliber rifles, their



Photo by 1st Sgt. Carlton Green
Sgt. 1st Class Paul Swedlund takes aim with a Taurus Judge pistol.

knowledge of basic rifle marksmanship fundamentals helped. Sgt. Derek Jones of the 401st was declared the winner.

“I’ve never experienced any training like this,”

said Spc. Andrew Burke of the day’s training. “It was useful and extremely fun. It’s not very often we engage in training that is fun enough to make us forget we are training.”



Photo by Esther Garcia

Keynote speaker Col. Bruce Schoneboom (center), Corps Specific Branch proponent officer for the U.S. Army Nurse Corps, stands with nurses 2nd Lt. Constance James and Col. Charlene Gonzalez, after cutting the 111th Army Nurse Corps anniversary cake as the junior and senior officers in attendance at the Army Medical Department Museum Feb. 10.

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and conflicts.

“The birth of the corps had its beginnings in 1898, when then-Brig. Gen. George Miller Sturnberg established the Nurse Corps Division and appointed Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee as the acting Assistant Surgeon to the Army,” Schoneboom said.

“During her tenure, McGee drafted the bill authorizing the formation of the Army Nurse Corps. The bill was passed by Congress on Feb. 2, 1901, as Section 19 of the Army Reorganization Act.”

Sturnberg, the Army surgeon general at the time, was responsible for the establishment of the Army Medical School in 1893, as well as for the organization of a contract dental

service and the Army Nurse Corps.

McGee was vice president of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and was placed in charge of selecting graduate members for the Army.

“Since that time, 111 years ago, Army nursing has been moving and transforming itself to be relevant for the times and positioning itself to lead for the future,” Schoneboom said.

Schoneboom spoke about the transformation the Army Nurse Corps has been undergoing for the past three and a half years under then-Maj. Gen. Patricia Horoho through her campaign plan with four lines of efforts such as leader development, transform

warrior care with efforts on the wounded and their families, human capital by a new talent management strategy and evidence-based practice to promote quality care in standardized approaches that are able to measure on a systems-based approach.

“The Patient CaringTouch System is our new way in delivering nursing care,” Schoneboom said.

Schoneboom touched on the accomplishments of the corps such as answering the call where there were gaps and capabilities such as the enroute critical care capability.

He said teams were developed down range to be able to care and transport the critically ill and wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“One of the things

I’ve seen in change is in how we work as providers with the doctors,” said Col. Margaret Dixon, deputy director, Department of Nursing Science at Dunlap Hall and 38-year Army veteran. “When I first started, it was ‘I am the doc, you are the nurse.’ Now it is very much ‘We are team players,’ especially in the military.”

“With the surgeon general’s vision of transforming Army Medicine from a healthcare system to a system of health that focuses on wellness and prevention, and now our 24th Army Nurse Corps chief leading a command responsible for public health, I see Army nursing well positioned to lead as we focus on wellness and prevention,” Schoneboom said.

Fourth Quarter Joint Base San Antonio winners

Junior Enlisted Member Category:

Senior Airman Benjamin Minard,
802nd Operations Support Squadron,
Randolph Air Force Base.

Non-Commissioned Officer Category:

Tech. Sgt. Mariah Armga,
91st Network Warfare Squadron,
Lackland AFB.

Senior Enlisted Member Category:

Master Sgt. Vanessa Young,
359th Medical Group,
Randolph AFB.

Company Grade Officer Category:

1st Lt. Gordon D. Bloom,
Headquarters Air Education and Training
Command, Randolph AFB.

Honor Guard Airman Category:

Senior Airman Anthony Snyder,
59th Medical Logistics and Readiness
Squadron,
Lackland AFB.

**Honor Guard Non-Commissioned Officer
Category:**

Staff Sgt. Tanisha Chaney,
37th Training Support Squadron,
Lackland AFB.

Civilian Wage Grade Category:

Vanessa M. Lazare,
902nd Mission Support Group,
Randolph AFB.

Civilian Supervisory Category I:

Darryl Sharkey,
359th Medical Support Squadron,
Lackland AFB.

Civilian Supervisory Category II:

Paul E. Hughes,
HQ AETC,
Randolph AFB.

Civilian Non-Supervisory Category I:

Jennifer F. Deason,
Headquarters Air Force Personnel
Center.

Civilian Non-Supervisory Category II:

Pamela A. Long,
Air Force Personnel Operations Agency,
Randolph AFB.

Civilian Non-Supervisory Category III:

Javier N. Flores,
Air Force Intelligence, Reconnaissance
and Surveillance Agency,
Lackland AFB.

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adds \$60 billion in cuts to meet a congressional mandate of \$259 billion over several years, Hale said.

“We understand we need to make more disciplined use of our defense dollars,” he said.

The request does not include about \$500 billion in across-the-board cuts the department is set to lose from an automatic reduction known as “sequestration” that will go into effect next year as a result of Congress not meeting a November deadline for prescribed reductions to the federal debt.

“We followed guidance that did not anticipate the sequester,” Hale said in response to a reporter’s question. “This is not a good policy. [Sequestration] was intended as a prod – and it didn’t work.

“Now what we need is [for] Congress as a whole to enact a balanced budget that does not include this meat hacking approach,” he added. “They need to enact changes to replace the sequester.”

If sequestration is not undone, the automatic cuts will take an extra \$54 billion from the fiscal 2013 budget. “It won’t be nice,” Hale said. “We’d end up reducing a lot of important programs, and probably end up in a [reduction in force] situation, and it would certainly impact readiness.”

The budget also does not account for a DOD request to Congress for two rounds of base realignment and closure commissions to reduce or realign military installations, Hale said. Department officials are

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FORT SAM HOUSTON THEATRE RESTORED TO ORIGINAL GRANDEUR

By Lori Newman
JBSA-FSH News Leader

The 2005 Base Realignment and Closure mandates garnered many opportunities for Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

Several historic buildings have been renovated on Fort Sam Houston, but one of the most significant is the restoration of the Fort Sam Houston Theatre.

The theater is now home for the Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command's Army Entertainment Division, which relocated here from Fort Belvoir, Va.

"I think they did a really good job [on the

renovation]. We're definitely excited about using the theater again," said Tim Higdon, Army Entertainment program manager. "Its primary mission now is a training facility for IMCOM and Army Entertainment."

Built in 1935, the theater was designed to be a lavish "movie palace" decorated in Spanish Colonial Revival style, reminiscent of the Spanish missions. Paid for mostly by Army Motion Picture Funds, the theater originally cost \$139,213.74 to build.

Fifty years later, "Back to the Future" was the last feature film shown in the theater on Oct. 6, 1985. The building was used as an auditorium, classroom and venue for town halls meetings

for a while, but for decades, it sat empty and in disrepair.

The restoration and addition to the original theater started in 2009 and was completed in November 2011 at a cost of \$18.8 million.

Without BRAC funding, the theater probably would have been demolished, explained Higdon.

The theater's historic appearance and character remain intact. The white stucco exterior, arched entry ways, bell tower and lamp posts remain a focal point on Stanley Road.

The interior features including the carved hand-painted ceiling beams, light fixtures, wooden banister, frescoes and wall murals have been restored to their original grandeur.



Photo by Lori Newman

The upstairs lounge has been recreated using retro-style furniture that mirrors the furnishings of the past.



Photo courtesy of the Fort Sam Houston Museum

A lavishly decorated upstairs lounge offered theater patrons seating during show intermissions.

Retro-style furniture in the upstairs lounge area recreates the original furnishings and the theater seats have been hand-painted to replicate the ornate design of the original ones, with seating for about 600 patrons.

The theater walls have been sound-proofed and painted to give the impression of the original stone walls.

A three-story addition was added to the back of the theater to accommodate the needs of the new tenants. The original movie theater configuration has been altered to accommodate theatrical productions. The renovation added a total of approximately 26,000 additional square feet to the existing structure.

The Fort Sam Houston Theatre now features state-of-the-art lighting and acoustics, a dance studio, a performers' lounge, an audio/video mixing and recording studio, catwalks and an 80-foot "fly house" pulley system for quick set changes.

Behind the stage, there is an Army Entertainment command suite and administrative offices.

Seventy-four-year-old Fred Burton

recently toured the newly renovated theater.

The retired Army staff sergeant, who currently works at Army Medical Department Television, was stationed at Fort Sam Houston from 1971 to 1977.

During that time, he worked as a projectionist at the Evans Theater. Occasionally he would fill in at the Fort Sam Houston Theatre, which was very convenient because he lived in the house next to the theater.

Burton was happy to see the old theater restored to its original beauty, with a new mission on Fort Sam Houston.

"They did an excellent job [restoring the theater]," he said. "I like the colors – they're warm and nice. It's beautiful."

The performers for the U.S. Army Soldiers Show arrive Feb. 18 and have one week to prepare for a live audition.

Once the cast is selected, the Soldiers will have eight weeks to put the show together before its debut April 19 through 21 in the updated Fort Sam Houston Theatre.



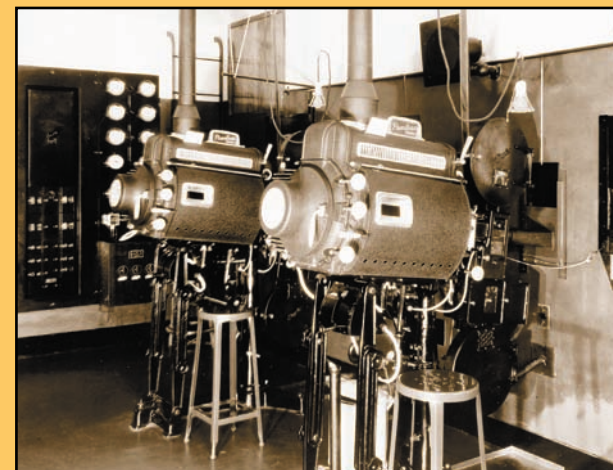
Photo by Lori Newman

Fred Burton looks at the state-of-the-art lighting that has been installed in the renovated Fort Sam Houston Theatre to accommodate theatrical productions such as the Soldiers Show.



Photo by Lori Newman

Two large wall hangings were created to match the original murals on each side of the stage.



The two large Peerless Motion Picture Projectors pictured were removed from the projection booth above the balcony. Now the projection booth holds heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems.

Photo courtesy of the Fort Sam Houston Museum

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areas access nutrition education to combat heart disease with a study titled “Effectiveness of a Web-Based Nutrition Education Program in Reducing Coronary Artery Disease Risk Factors among Military Beneficiaries (“Defend Your Heart” Study)”. This study is looking at different approaches to educate the military community in helping to combat the No. 1 killer in America. Participants must be active duty, retired, and family members (over 18 years of age). Females cannot be pregnant or lactating. Volunteers should also have elevated total blood cholesterol (above 200mg/dL) and/or elevated LDL cholesterol or bad cholesterol (above 100mg/dL). Participants will receive, at no cost, a lipid profile, hemoglobin A1C, C-reactive protein, blood pressure, body composition measurement using gold standard method (dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry -DXA), as well as heart-healthy nutrition and lifestyle education. The study will be performed at the San Antonio Military Medical Center. For more information or to volunteer, call 916-3375.

Dog teams needed

The Brooke Army Medical Center's Volunteer Service is seeking dog-assisted activities teams. The dog and its owner

must provide current immunization record, as well provide an obedience and temperament pictured ID certification issued by a nationally recognized organization. Pet teams selected for the positions must complete a DOD Veterinary Health Certificate form filled out by the dog's veterinarian. For more information, contact Volunteer Services at 916-5381 or 916-5388.

Type 2 Diabetes Research Study

Military medical beneficiaries (retired and family members of active duty and retired), age 18-65, and diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes may be a candidate for a research study titled “Sleeve Gastrectomy Versus Medical Management For Remission Of Diabetes In Mild To Moderately Obese Patients,” even if not being a previous candidate for weight loss surgery before. Active duty personnel are unable to participate. For more information, call 292-2210.

NMTSR Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program

The Navy Medicine Training Support Center Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program provides quality support and assurance to rape/sexual assault victims for Navy staff, student,

and civilian personnel through prevention education and victim intervention services. To report a sexual assault, call the Navy Command SAPR at 287-8283; the Joint Base San Antonio Sexual Assault Hotline is 808-7272.

No Smoking at Bus Stops

Smoking is not allowed at any of the bus stops or bus enclosures on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

TRICARE Pharmacy Contract With Walgreens Not Renewed

Walgreens is no longer be a TRICARE network provider. If a beneficiary fills a prescription at Walgreens, they will pay 100 percent of the cost and will need to file a paper claim for non-network benefit reimbursement (with a higher cost share). Additional information can be found at the following websites; <http://www.tricare.mil/walgreens/>, <http://www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE>, <http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=66626>. These resources can be used to find information on how to transfer a prescription, find a new pharmacy, or other FAQs. If needed, beneficiaries can take current prescription bottles to a new network pharmacy to have prescriptions transferred. For more information, call 1-877-885-6313.

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making the requests for fiscal 2013 and 2015, he said.

While BRAC changes have an upfront cost, the last round in fiscal 2005 has saved the department about \$5 billion per year, Hale said. “Those are incurred in perpetuity, so it’s still a good deal,” he said.

The proposal would slow the rate of personnel costs in pay and benefits that have increased 90 percent since fiscal 2001, now making up one-third of the budget, Hale said. Still, there are no pay freezes or cuts proposed, but some fee increases in the TRICARE program, he said.

The department can’t copy private-sector standards in pay and benefits and maintain an all-volunteer force, Hale said. The adjustments that are proposed are just enough to prevent needing “overly large cuts” in force structure and modernization, he said.

The proposals on pay and benefits “reflect the counsel of the chairman, the Joint Chiefs, and the military leaders,” Spencer said. And, he added, they “honor

our commitment to America’s all-volunteer force and their families.”

The budget proposal calls for reduced civilian pay raises – 1.7 percent for the next two years, 0.5 percent in fiscal 2015, 1 percent in 2016 and 1.7 percent in 2017.

Also, it requests a 5.5 percent in end strength reductions over five years, mostly in the Army and Marine Corps, which grew to accommodate the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq following the 9/11 attacks.

“We’ll try to do this in as humane a way as we can,” such as through incentives for voluntary departures and tightening re-enlistment standards, Hale said. But, he added, retention has stayed high through years of national economic downturn.

“I don’t think I can stand here and say there won’t be any involuntary separations,” he said.

DOD officials will keep reviewing the impact of personnel adjustments, Hale said. “If we can’t attract and retain people at those numbers, we’ll stop doing it,” he said.

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'The Mousetrap' a whodunit at the Harlequin

By Deyanira Romo Rossell
502nd FSS Marketing

Who killed Mrs. Boyle? The real question is who wouldn't kill Mrs. Boyle? The annoying old bitty is rude, arrogant and nosy, played perfectly by Rose Cohen-Brown who is one of the stars in the "The Mousetrap."

The play is in its final run Feb. 16 through 18 at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre on Fort Sam Houston. Based on a short story written by British author Agatha Christie, "The Mousetrap" is playing to sold-out crowds.

"It has been exhilarating to work with such a talented cast for this play," said Robert Olivas, Harlequin Dinner Theatre director. "Their hard work has made for a successful run with



The Proprietor of Monkswell Manor, Mollie Ralston (Emily Sanders) and Detective Sgt. Trotter have a cliffhanger moment in the "The Mousetrap," an Agatha Christie whodunit playing at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre.

audiences packing the Harlequin to enjoy dinner and a great murder mystery."

"The Mousetrap" is set in the 1950's. In true Christie-form, seven

characters are suspects, each harboring a mysterious side.

Matthew Tejeda-Garcia and Emily Sanders play Giles and Mollie Ralston, innkeepers who welcome four new guests, including Mrs. Boyle. Miss Casewell (played by Sara Christiansen), Major Metcalf (Pete Sanchez) and



Photos by Deyanira Romo Rossell

Major Metcalf (Pete Sanchez) arrives at Monkswell Manor and is greeted by Mollie Ralston (Emily Sanders), a sweet proprietor, who could also be a murderer.

Mr. Wren (Ritchie Diego Valenzuela) also check in to Monkswell Manor.

Snowed in, the group finds out from the local newspaper that a murderer is on the loose in town and all leads point to one of the guests staying at the inn owned by the Ralstons. It isn't

long before Detective Sgt. Trotter, played by Mollie Gilley, skis in to solve the mystery.

"We are seeing more and more troops at our productions at the Harlequin. We are thrilled to offer them this high quality entertainment as they take a little bit of time to relax," Olivas said.

The longest-running play of any kind, Chris-

tie's "The Mousetrap" has been performed in more than 40 countries. Traditionally, the audience is asked not to reveal the twist ending so as not to spoil the play for future audiences.

The Harlequin will begin packing the house again for a new production, "A Few Good Men," which will run from May 10 to June 9.



(From left) Mr. Wren (Ritchie Diego Valenzuela), Miss Casewell (Sara Chistiansen) and Giles Ralston (Matthew Tejeda-Garcia) read in the local newspaper that there is a murderer among them in the Agatha Christie whodunit, "The Mousetrap."

MILITARY BAND SCHEDULES

323rd Army Band
“Fort Sam’s Own”

Feb. 25,
noon
(Latin Band)
Charro Days and Sombrero
Festival
Brownsville, Texas
March 23,
1 p.m.
(Brass Ensemble)
Lutheran High School Band
Festival
1130 West 34th Street
Houston, Texas

U.S. Air Force Band of
the West (Southwest
Winds)

Feb. 21,
4-5 p.m.
Witte Museum
3801 Broadway
San Antonio, Texas
Feb. 22,
6-8 p.m.
Wimberley Community Center
14068 Ranc Road 12
Wimberley, Texas
Feb. 23,
6-7 p.m.
Parman Library at Stone Oak
20735 Wilderness Oak

Feb. 25,
2-3 p.m.
Mission Branch Library
3132 Roosevelt Ave.
San Antonio, Texas
March 3,
3-4 p.m.
Igo Branch Library
13330 Kyle Seale Parkway
San Antonio, Texas
March 18,
2:30-3:30 p.m.
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic
Church
13715 Riggs Road
Helotes, Texas
March 23,
6:30-7:30 p.m.
St. John the Evangelist Church
2102 Ave. J
Hondo, Texas
March 25, 3-4:30
p.m.
Gertrude R. Jones Fine Arts
Auditorium
Coastal Bend College
Beeville, Texas
March 27,
7-8 p.m.
Forest Hills Presbyterian Church
13200 Bandera Road
Helotes, Texas

U.S. Air Force Band of the
West (Gateway Brass)

Feb. 19,
2:30-4 p.m.
St. Mary’s Catholic Church
306 W. San Antonio St.
Fredericksburg, Texas
Feb. 21,
6-7:30 p.m.
Patrick Heath Public Library
451 N. Main St., Building 100
Boerne, Texas
Feb. 23,
11 a.m.-noon
UTSA Arts Building
1 UTSA Circle
San Antonio, Texas
Feb. 26,
2:30-4 p.m.
Cailloux Theater
910 Main St.
Kerrville, Texas
Feb. 28,
4-5 p.m.
Witte Museum
3801 Broadway
San Antonio, Texas
March 2,
7-8 p.m.
North Shore United Methodist
Church
23880 N. Cranes Mill Road
Canyon Lake, Texas

FSHISD WEEKLY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES FEB. 20-25

Fort Sam Houston Elementary
School

Feb. 20
President’s Day holiday
Feb.23
College T-shirt day
DENTAC presentation during Physi-
cal Education rotations
Progress reports sent home

Robert G. Cole Middle and High
School

Feb. 20
President’s Day holiday
Baseball vs. St. Anthony Varsity,
4 p.m.
Feb. 21
Boys Basketball JV vs. TMI at TMI,
4:30 p.m.
Make-up day for on-line registra-
tion, 7:30-8:15 a.m. in Computer
Lab
Feb. 23
Chili cook-off
Girls Golf, Host: Navarro at Seguin,
tee time 8:30 a.m.

Baseball Varsity Tournament at
Charlotte, TBA
Track meet at Blanco JV/V Boys
and Girls half day

Feb. 24
Baseball Varsity Tournament at
Charlotte, TBA
Feb. 25
Baseball Varsity Tournament at
Charlotte, TBA
One Act Play rehearsal on the
Mosely Gym stage, 1-4 p.m.



For Sale:
Vermont teddy
bear, new, with
cape and hat,
\$45; lady’s
white fur jacket with hood, by Sergio
Valente, \$54; woman’s three-quarter
length fur coat, \$675; Wyndmere
ultrasonic nebulizer, new, \$35; com-
puter desk, 41inches long by 16
inches wide by 28 inches high,
\$17. Call 313-0061.
For Sale: Whirlpool stainless steel re-
frigerator with icemaker on the door,
\$800; barely used sectional, seats
10, \$900; Whirlpool chest freezer,
\$300; many other items, all currently
in storage. Call 951-489-9809 to

arrange a viewing.
For Sale: Four-drawer file cabinet,
\$20; two tan-colored ceiling fans,
\$30 each; two large beveled mirrors,
one Oriental-style bamboo design
the other has swirled leaf pattern
oval, \$75 each; old rush seat rocking
chair, \$10; boys ski helmet, mittens,
goggles, wool socks, all in very good
condition. Call 271-9127.
For Sale: Amana two-door 22 cubic
foot refrigerator, \$200 obo; RCA
20-inch color TV, \$30; Eureka upright
vacuum cleaner, \$35; Bissell Power
Carpet Steamer Deluxe, \$75 obo. All
in excel condition with manual for
each. Call 666-0502.
For Sale: Fisher Price basket ball

hoop, height adjustable for ages 3 to
8, \$15; king-size quilt and two pillow
shams, blue and beige, like new,
\$35; king-size quilt with star pattern,
light blue and pastels, \$25. Call
495-2296.
For Sale: 1998 Chrysler Cirrus, four-
door, good condition, leaks oil, \$1,600
obo. Call 333-8979.
For Sale: 1989 Honda Civic Hatch-
back DX, automatic, A/C, CD player,
AM/FM radio, excellent mechanical
condition, maintenance records avail-
able, \$2,799; REM dual adjustable
Martinique bed with massage, excel-
lent condition, \$3,299; Stuyvesant
upright piano, \$139. Call 659-6741.
Wanted: Treadmill, call 646-5870.



Child Safety Seat Clinic
Feb. 16, 1-3 p.m., Auto Craft Shop Building 2410. This clinic will provide a safety seat check-up, installation education and recall checks. Registration is required and the children must be present. Call 221-0349, 221-0326 or 221-0221.

Sponsorship Training
Feb. 16, 2-3 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2418 or 221-9698.

Soul Food Taste
Feb. 16, 6 p.m., JBSA-Lackland Fisher House, call 671-1750.

Balancing Marriage and Baby
Feb. 17, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-0349 or 221-2705.

Harlequin Dinner Theatre
“The Mousetrap,” Thursday-Saturday through Feb. 18, 6:15 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. curtain, call 222-9694.

Spring Break Camp Registration
Registration begins Feb. 20 for children grades 6-12, fees are \$15/day and \$60/week. Call 221-4871.

Financial Boot Camp
Feb. 21, 7 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Dodd Field Chapel, registration required, call 221-2380.

Family Readiness Group Leadership Academy
Feb. 21 and 22, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

General Resume Writing
Feb. 21, 9 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-0516 or 221-0427.

HUGS playgroup
Feb. 21, 9-11 a.m., Middle School Teen Center Building 2515, call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

Building Effective Anger Management Skills
Feb. 21, 28 and March 6, 13, 20, 27, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Red Cross Building 2650, call 221-0349.

Baby Talk
Feb. 21, 1-2:30 p.m., Dodd Field Chapel, call 221-0349.

Girls Talk
Feb. 21, 4-4:30 p.m., School Age Services, call 221-0349.

Teen Talk
Feb. 21, 4:30-5 p.m., Middle School Teen Center Building 2515, call 221-0349.

Army Family Team Building Level 2
Feb. 22 and 23, 8:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2611 or 221-0918.

Mandatory Initial First Termer Financial Readiness
Feb. 22, noon-2 p.m., Education Center Building 2248, call 221-1612.

Future Speakers on the Horizon Open House
Feb. 22, noon-1 p.m. in the Joint Program Management Office conference room 1A, Building 4196, reserve a seat by Feb. 21, call 295-4921.

Women Encouraging Women “Finding Balance”
Feb. 22, 1-2 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1681 or 221-2705.

Exceptional Family Member Program
“If I Only Had a Heart”
Feb. 23, 1:30-3 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-0600.

African American Heritage Scholarship Banquet
Feb. 25, 6 p.m., JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club, guest speaker is retired Gen. Toreaser A. Steele, call 977-6710.

Talent Showcase
Child, Youth and School Services will host at talent showcase 6-8 p.m. and a dance 8-10 p.m. Feb. 25 at Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797. Call 221-4871.

Annual Randolph Gospel Fest
Feb. 26, 3 p.m., Chapel 1, JBSA-Randolph, call 565-3930.

Exotic Hunts
Exotic hunts are underway at

Camp Bullis Friday through Sunday 4-9 p.m. until Feb. 26. Call 295-7529 or 295-7577.

DECA Scholarships
The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Commissary is accepting scholarship applications for military children through Feb. 24. Call 221-4678 or visit <http://www.militaryscholar.org>.

Newcomer’s Extravaganza
Feb. 28, 9:30-11 a.m., Sam Houston Community Center. Representatives from local businesses and tourist attractions, along with support units on Fort Sam Houston provide advice and giveaways.

Word Level 1
March 8, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797. Call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Java Café
The Java Café is open in the Sam Houston Community Center.

Military City USA 5K Run
March 24, 7 a.m., Jimmy Brought Fitness Center, check-in 6:30 a.m., no registration required,

T-shirts are \$10 each on race day, call 221-1234.

Spouses’ Club Scholarships
The Spouses’ Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area contributes annually to the Fort Sam Houston community through scholarship and welfare awards. Scholarships are awarded to high school seniors, students continuing their education and military spouses. All applicants must have a valid DOD ID card. Welfare funds are awarded to charities, non-profit organizations or other worthy causes supporting the welfare of the Armed Forces and their families located at Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis. Applications for scholarship and welfare awards are available at <http://www.scfsh.com>. The deadline to apply is April 1.

USAF Fit Family
Visit <http://www.usaffitfamily.com> for healthy recipes, fitness tips and health and nutrition articles.

Hacienda Student Center
Big area tent at 3100 Marvin R.

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McKinney Roughs Nature Park Walk

The Colorado River Walkers volksmarch club will host a 5k and 10k walk Feb. 18 starting at the McKinney Roughs Nature Park, 1884 TX 71 W, Cedar Creek,

Texas. Walks start between 8-noon, finish by 3 p.m. Call 512-480-0291.

3rd Annual Legacy Ball

The Joint Base San Antonio African American Heritage Committee Legacy Ball, Feb. 18, 6-11 p.m., JW Marriott Resort & Spa, formal/semi-formal dress, \$55 per person. Visit <http://aahclegacyball.eventsbot.com/> for tickets.

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Wood, hours are 5-10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 5-9 p.m. Sundays.

All You Can Cut Firewood

Bring your chainsaw and cut all the oak firewood you can fit into a small truck for \$5 or a large truck for \$10 at Camp Bullis Outdoor Recreation Area. Call 295-7529 or 295-7577 for information.

Air Force Education & Training Center

7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, relocated to a temporary building at 2427 Hood St., call 221-2135.

Basic Skills Education Program

Classes are Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for a period of 14 working days. Service members will receive instruction in reading comprehension, vocabulary, and math skills. The class is designed to teach basic college preparatory skills to service members with a GT score less than 110. Call 221-1738 to enroll.

Brigade Gym Temporary Structure

The temporary gym structure at the corner of Hardee and Williams Roads is open 5 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Friday, closed weekends and holidays.

Central Post Gym

Closed for renovation.

Varsity Soccer

Players wanted for the FSH varsity soccer team, call 808-5710.

Sports Scores

For Fort Sam Houston and 32nd Medical Brigade intramural sports results, visit <http://bit.ly/MWRsports>.

Retired Enlisted Association

Chapter 80 of the Retired Enlisted Association meets at 1 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Lackland Air Force Base Gateway Club. Call 658-2344 for information.

Stilwell House

The Fort Sam Houston Stilwell

Salado Creek Greenway Walk

The Texas Wanderers of Fort Sam Houston volksmarch club will host a 5k, 10k and 15k walk Feb. 25 starting at the Lady Bird Johnson Trailhead, Salado Creek Greenway, 10700 Nacogdoches Road. Walks start between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m., finish by 2 p.m. Call 658-2160 or visit <http://www.walktx.org/TexasWanderers>.

Parks and Recreation Department's Spring Break Camp

Spring Break Camp will be held 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. March 12-16 at 15 community centers throughout the San Antonio area. The cost is \$3 per child per day. Registration is on-going. Call 207-3000 or visit <http://www.sanantonio.gov/parksandrec>.

African-American Expo

Feb. 29, 11 a.m. Port San Antonio, Building 171, call 395-8275.

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club meets the third Thursday of each month at noon in the Men's Card Room at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club. All Sergeant Audie Murphy or Sergeant Morales members are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 808-1732 or 221-0144.

Lost Property

If you have lost any property on Fort Sam Houston, call 221-2340. To claim items, you must have a form of photo identification and be able to identify the property.

Cloverleaf Communicators Club

Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of every month 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at San Antonio Credit Union, Stanley Road, in the conference room. Call 916-3406 or 221-8785 or visit <http://power-talkinternational.com/>.

Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association meets the third Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at the Longhorn Café, 1003 Rittiman Rd. All active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired sergeants major are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 221-0584 or 889-8212.

Weekly Weather Watch

	Feb 16	Feb 17	Feb 18	Feb 19	Feb 20	Feb 21
San Antonio Texas	67° Mostly Cloudy	61° Showers	64° Showers	66° Sunny	71° Isolated T-Storms	70° Isolated T-Storms
Kabul Afghanistan	36° Mostly Cloudy	31° Snow Showers	40° Snow Showers	43° Snow Showers	43° Rain/Snow Showers	42° Rain/Snow Showers

(Source: The Weather Channel at www.weather.com)

Edwards Aquifer Level

in feet above sea level
as of Feb. 14

CURRENT LEVEL * = 661.1'

*determines JBSA water conservation stage

- Normal - above 660'**
- Stage I - 660'**
- Stage II - 650'**
- Stage III - 642'**
- Stage IV - 640.5'**
- Stage V - 637'**

Joint Base San Antonio will revert back to Stage I water restrictions; the J-17 Well Level is at 652.7 feet as of Jan. 5 and has been over 650 feet for more than 30 days, allowing for JBSA to return to Stage I conditions. Watering hours are now allowed between the hours of 8 p.m. and 10 a.m. and new turf can be planted at this time.

